

# EAST BEDLINGTON

## Parish Council



### Minutes of the Emergency East Bedlington Parish Meeting, held on Monday 23 March 2020, at East Bedlington Community Centre.

**Present:**

Councillor Steve Aynsley  
 Councillor Helen Bradford  
 Councillor Paul Hedley  
 Councillor Mike Trimming

**In attendance:**

Ron Thornton (Clerk), Jenny Tindale (Deputy Clerk)

**ACTION**

<p><b>CO206/19</b></p>	<p><b>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</b></p> <p>In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-chairman a nomination was made by Councillor Trimming and seconded by Councillor Aynsley that Councillor Bradford take the Chair.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <b>Councillor Bradford be elected as Chairman for the emergency meeting.</b></p>	
<p><b>C207/19</b></p>	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF PRESS &amp; PUBLIC</b></p> <p>It was noted that in the interests of containment of Covid 19 virus members of the press and public would be excluded.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <b>That the press and public be excluded.</b></p>	
<p><b>CO208/19</b></p>	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillors Allan Douglas, John Batey, Alex Wallace, Allan Stewart, Keith Scantlebury and Jane Greensitt (self-isolation recommendations) Councillor Lynda Mason (work commitments).</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <b>That the apologies be accepted</b></p>	

<b>CO209/19</b>	<p><b>MATTERS FOR DECISION</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) That Standing Orders be amended to delegate authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman or Vice in his absence; to incur expenditure up to the Section 137 threshold for the relief of hardship, during a declared civil emergency and/ or pandemic.</p> <p><b>(ii)</b> That financial regulation 3.4 be amended to allow the limit of emergency expenditure that can be approved by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman or Vice Chairman in his absence to be increase to £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) during a declared civil emergency and / or pandemic</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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Signed ..... Chairman

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